UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO WESTERN DIVISION AT DAYTON

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff, Case No. 3:22-cr-132

VS.

BENJAMIN EDWARD LUCAS, District Judge Michael J. Newman

Defendant.

ORDER: (1) ADOPTING THE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION OF THE UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE (Doc. No. 46); (2) GRANTING THE PARTIES' JOINT MOTION FOR CHANGE OF PLEA (Doc. No. 35); (3) ACCEPTING DEFENDANT'S PLEA OF GUILTY AS CHARGED IN COUNT 1 OF THE INDICTMENT, AS MODIFIED BY JUDGE NEWMAN; AND (4) DEFERRING THE DECISION OF WHETHER TO ACCEPT THE PLEA AGREEMENT UNTIL THE SENTENCING HEARING

This criminal case is before the Court on the Report and Recommendation of the United States Magistrate Judge (Doc. No. 46), recommending that the Court accept Defendant's guilty plea. There being no objections, the Court **ADOPTS** the Report and Recommendation in full. The parties' joint motion to change plea (Doc. No. 35) is **GRANTED**, and the Court **ACCEPTS** Defendant's plea of guilty as charged in Count 1 of the Indictment, as modified by Judge Newman. The Court **DEFERS** the decision of whether to accept the plea agreement until the sentencing hearing.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

March 25, 2024 s/Michael J. Newman

Hon. Michael J. Newman United States District Judge